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FOR: ARA/MGT; CA - RON SOMERVILLE; M/MO - HARRY HONES; AND PER/FCA/JO - MIKE DURVEE

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SUBJECT: USE OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN CONSULAR FUNCTION

REF: (A) STATE 36833, (B) STATE 2881, (C) LA PAZ 1579

1. PIT POSITIONS AUTHORIZED IN STATE 2881 HAVE ENABLED EMBASSY
CONSULAR SECTION TO ELIMINATE MOST OF IV BACKLOG AND BRING FILING
UP TO DATE. AS OUTLINED IN THE CONSULAR PACKAGE REPORT, HOWEVER
(LA PAZ 1579), WE FEEL THAT THERE IS A NEED TO CONVERT AT LEAST
ONE OF THESE PIT POSITIONS TO A FULL TIME CLERICAL POSITION TO:
A) ASSIST PERMANENTLY IN THE NIV AND IV PROCESSING; B) PROVIDE AN
INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY THAT HAS HERETOFORE BEEN LACKING; C)
RELIEVE THE OFFICERS OF SOME OF THE MORE ROUTINE BUT TIMECONSUMING ERRANDS CONCERNING THE AMERICAN PRISONERS, SUCH AS DISTRIBUTING DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS; AND D) INCREASE THE SECTION'S FLEXIBILITY
TO

DEAL WITH VACATIONS OR OTHER PROLONGED ABSENCES. THE LATEST INSPECTION REPORT RECOMMENDS AN INCREASE OF ONE CLERICAL POSITION IN ADDITION TO THE SECRETARIAL POSITION AUTHORIZED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST THAT, AT THE TERMINATION OF THE PRESENT TWO PIT POSITIONS, APPROXIMATELY APRIL 1, THE DEPARTMENT WILL AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE NEW PERMANENT UNCLASSIFIED

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LOCAL CLERICAL POSITION. IF THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME, THEN WE REQUEST THAT ONE PIT CLERICAL POSITION BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE CAN OBTAIN A PERMANENT POSITION.

2. TDY ASSIGNMENT OF PAUL MILLER EXPIRES APRIL 1. WE SEE NO NEED FOR FURTHER EXTENSION AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH CONCEIVABLY ADDITIONAL TDY OFFICER SUPPORT MAY BE NECESSARY DURING PEAK

VISA SEASON (ROUGHLY OCTOBER TO DECEMBER). PLEASE PROVIDE
ORDERS FOR MILLER'S ONWARD ASSIGNMENT.
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